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Child Placing Agency Directors
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County Departments of Community Programs Directors
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From: Fredi-Ellen Bove 
Administrator

Re: Phase II Independent Living Regionalized Services Roll-Out

PURPOSE

This memo is to notify agencies regarding Phase II implementation of the regionalized structure for the Chafee Foster Care Independence and Education and Training Voucher programs as outlined in Division of Safety and Permanence Numbered Memo Series 2015- 03. Regions 1, 5 and 7 will roll out over the next year and a half, beginning with release in March 2016 of the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the Transition Resource Agency (TRA).

BACKGROUND

Life-skills development occurs at all ages and stages of placement in out-of-home care. Independent Living (IL) planning is formalized within the Permanency Plan for youth ages 14 and older; ensuring youth have appropriate life skills development opportunities and experiences to prepare them for adulthood.

Upon exiting care at age 18 or older, the TRA provides the needed transition services and support to youth up to age 21 (or 23 for those receiving ETV funds); building upon youth's skills gained while in out-of-home care.

INFORMATION SUMMARY

The TRA RFP for Regions 1, 5 and 7 is expected to be posted on or about March 15, 2016 on the DCF VenderNet Website (<http://vendornet.state.wi.us/vendornet/default.asp>). County, private not-for-profit, and tribal agencies may apply for one or multiple region(s). Selected agencies will have a start-up period from August – December 2016 and will begin direct service delivery on January 1, 2017.

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Attachment: [Regional map](#)